



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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Michael Liffrig

Mandan, ND 58554

RE: MUR 5678
Michael Liffrig
Liffrig for Senate

Dear Mr. Liffrig:

On August 24, 2005, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") notified Liffrig for Senate (the "Committee") and you, in your personal capacity and in your official capacity as treasurer, of a complaint alleging multiple violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and provided the Committee and you with a copy of the complaint.

On December 12, 2006, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, your response, and other information, that there is no reason to believe that you or Liffrig for Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(f) or 441f by receiving an earmarked contribution or knowingly receiving a contribution in the name of another. Similarly, the Commission found no reason to believe that Liffrig for Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a) by knowingly accepting a corporate in-kind contribution from Newman Signs, Inc. in the form of discounted billboard advertisements. A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The Commission also voted to dismiss the allegations that Liffrig for Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f) by failing to properly disclose certain debts and obligations and knowingly accepting an excessive contribution from a political committee. Nevertheless, based on the facts and circumstances of this matter, the Commission admonishes Liffrig for Senate and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, to insure that the Committee files timely and accurate reports with the Commission. The Commission will shortly issue one or more Statement of Reasons describing the Commission's decision to dismiss these allegations and issue admonishments.

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The file in this matter is now closed. Documents related to the case, including the Statement of Reasons, will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003).

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Schwartz, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Thomasenia P. Duncan
Acting General Counsel



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